In view of increasing constraints in providing power from NTPC stations in the Eastern Region for pooling with power from the Kayamkulam Plant, 50% of the Kayamkulam power was offered to Andhra Pradesh as well as Karnataka without the benefit of cheaper power, which, they were not keen to avail. The present request of Andhra Pradesh has been referred to the Southern Regional Power Committee (SRPC), a body comprising inter-alia representatives of all the Southern Region constituents for deliberation and recommendations.

Changes in RGGVY

264. SHRI M.V. MYSURA REDDY: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the difference between Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana (RGGVY) implemented during the Tenth Five Year Plan and the RGGVY proposed to be implemented during the Eleventh Five Year Plan period;

(b) whether it is a fact that one of the amendments to the old RGGVY is that the States are mandated to ensure 10-12 hours of power supply in the RGGVY network; and

(c) if so, how the Ministry would ensure this condition of the Yojana when the States are not able to provide power for a minimum number of hours in towns and villages?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) The major difference between RGGVY implemented during 10th Five Year Plan and proposed to be implemented during 11th Five Year Plan is given in the Statements. (*See* below)

(b) For RGGVY projects to be implemented during 11th Plan period, prior commitment of the State Governments has been obtained for providing daily electric supply for a minimum of 6-8 hours in the RGGVY network with the assurance of meeting any deficit in this context by supplying electricity at subsidized tariff.

(c) Central Electricity Authority has intimated that capacity addition target of 78,577 MW has been proposed during 11th Plan. However, as per latest assessment, a capacity addition of 78,520 MW is proposed to be achieved during 11th Plan. With this capacity addition the demand forecast as per 17th Electric Power Survey (EPS) (Peak as well as Energy) will be fully met by the terminal year of 11th Plan i.e. 2011-12.

Statement

Major difference between RGGVY during 10th Plan and 11th Plan

1. The States will finalize their Rural Electrification Plans in consultation with Ministry of Power and notify the same within six months. Rural Electrification Plan will be a roadmap for generation, transmission, sub-transmission and distribution of electricity in the state which will ensure the achievement of objectives of the scheme.

2. For projects to be eligible for capital subsidy under the scheme, prior commitment of the States would also be obtained before sanction of projects under the scheme for:

(i) Guarantee by State Government for a minimum daily supply of 6-8 hours of electricity in the RGGVY network with the assurance of meeting any deficit in this context by supplying electricity at subsidized tariff as required under the Electricity. Act, 2003.

(ii) Deployment of franchisees for the management of rural distribution in projects financed under the scheme and to undertake steps necessary to operationalise the scheme.

3. BPL households will be provided free electricity connections. The rate of reimbursement for providing free connections to BPL households would be Rs.2200 per household.

4. The projects under the scheme will be subject to implementation of a three tie quality monitoring mechanism.

The cost norms for village electrification have been revised as under:-

		Cost (Rs. In lakhs)
1.	Electrification of un-electrified villages	
(a)	In normal terrain	13
(b)	In hilly, tribal, desert area	18
2.	Intensive electrification of already electrified villages	
(a)	In normal terrain	4
(b)	In hilly, tribal, desert area	6
3.	Cost of electricity connection to BPL households	0.022

Allocation of power to Kerala

265. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Kerala is a deficient State in electricity supply, as on date;

(b) if so, the details thereof, including the quantity of electricity allotted to Kerala from the Central Pool during the last three years, year-wise and category-wise;

(c) whether quantity of electricity provided/being supplied to Kerala this year is less than that supplied last year;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor;

(e) the quantity of electricity supplied last year and that being supplied as on date, category-wise;

(f) whether steps would be taken to restore supply the same quantity of electricity from the central pool as the last year; and

(g) whether steps would also be taken to provide more power to Kerala from central unallocated share of electricity?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) to (c) The energy and peak shortages in Kerala during April to September, 2008 was of 928 MU (10.8%) and 372 MW (11.9%) respectively.